

Revolution In Odd-Fellows

DAVIS AND HOWZE CASES BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—L. McHENRY FILES SUIT.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 21. Well, I am in the City of Brotherly Love. I arrived here about 8.45 p.m. I met my friend Henry on the train, and had a pleasant chat with him. I domiciled at the residence of Mrs. Robert A. Baxter, 726 South Seventeenth street, on my arrival. I did not remain indoors very long, because I wanted to meet the politicians of the G. W. O. of O. F.

I first stopped at 520 South Eleventh street, where the representatives of the Alabama and Georgia contingents were. They were all happy and contented. The colored men in the company were my friend Howze, who looks like the Haitian Hypolyte; Editor Ben. Davis, of the Atlanta Independent; Douglass, who doesn't care whether the sun gives heat or whether the moon shows herself or not.

Ben Johnson is here also, as the legal adviser. Ben doesn't worry about events at all. He is a matter-of-fact man, and takes the world as he finds it.

My friend Crenshaw, the politician in the Southern fraternity, has a great head. He sees a long distance, and has his advice and directions been strictly followed the entire Alabama matter would have been settled in twenty-five minutes.

I find that a deep-laid conspiracy was concocted against the Howze and Davis combination in Alabama and Georgia. There are a few members of the sub-committee of management who are influenced by prejudice against Mr. Howze. Editor Davis, of the Independent, and Grand Treasurer, has his case well in hand and intends to make a bold fight if any attempt is made to depose him. The committee is satisfied that any attempt to expel Grand Director Davis will cause an immediate revolution in the order.

Grand Master Howze is being strongly backed, and Alabama will stand by him if the sub-committee of management attempts to carry out any revolutionary methods.

Grand Master Houston has been fully advised of the serious charges against this man, that it is alleged that the sub-committee of management is endeavoring to place in power over Mr. Howze. Men in high official circles have been charged with being parties to this deal. An expose of the circumstances in the Alabama case shows up one of the most diabolical deals in the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows that has ever been attempted in the order. The action of the sub-committee Monday was rather reprehensible. The committee convened at 10.30 and took up a case of minor importance, which consumed nearly all day. About 4.30 the Alabama and Georgia cases were taken up. The entire proceedings were farcical to the extreme.

This committee is dominated by ex-Grand Master Ed. Morris, of Chicago. He has no business or right in the sub-committee of management, but he put himself down as prosecutor in these two cases. There is no law in the Odd Fellows Manual that gives him the authority to act as prosecutor of any member. The Grand Master seems to be guided by his legal (?) exposition of the law. So much so that the order has been involved in a suit by Mr. J. McHenry Jones.

SUIT FILED.

While waiting for the Alabama and Georgia cases to be called, the sub-committee of management was served with a copy from the Court of Pennsylvania of a suit filed against it for twenty thousand dollars and a mandamus. When Attorney Morris saw the copies given to each member of the committee his eyes grew three times the size they are. Morris, in his attitude, is killing Grand Master Houston. James F. Needham and Morris are the dictators and their attitude will eventually kill Houston. Houston doesn't seem to see the politics of these two men. The sentiment of the Odd Fellows of the country is against Morris and Needham.

The removal of Davis and Howze will destroy the organization. Grand Master Houston was told that it made no difference what action the sub-committee took, the Odd Fellows of Alabama intend to sustain Howze.

The new Odd Fellows Hall that is in course of erection at a cost of one hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars is a gigantic fraud upon the Odd Fellows of America. The building is

about 20 by 80 feet, five stories high. This building is condemned by the Odd Fellows as being a gigantic fraud.

I find that there is a growing sentiment to remove the headquarters of the order to Washington city. It makes no difference what action the sub-committee of management takes, the people of the South intend to stand together. It is well known that Edward Morris has always been inimical to Editor Davis. It will be remembered that Morris offered a resolution at the last B. M. C., striking at Editor Davis, which was roundly condemned by the entire South.

Grand Master Houston is being killed by his supposed friends. They are leading him to the slaughter. A man who has such a brilliant career to face at this time is to be regretted. Mr. Houston, it is believed, wants to give the square deal, but his satellites will not permit him. He is being ill-advised, as can be plainly seen. It was this bad advice given the Sub-committee that has caused a suit to be filed and a mandamus against this committee. There will certainly be a revolution in this great order, which has been brought on by selfish and designing politicians. Graft of the most damaging character has been charged in the Alabama case. Editor Davis is in possession of facts that should be known to the order, and there is no doubt that he will make them known. One speaking for the sub-committee admitted that the Howze element in Alabama was right, but just how the committee could get out of the middle without humiliation he didn't know. I shall give the entire deal and facts in the next issue.

I have met several of my old friends. Editor Ashbury is doing well. He looks well and hearty.

There are quite a number of Washingtonians in town. W.C.C.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT.

The following are the Grand Officers and sub-committee of management of the G. W. O. of O. F. in America:

Grand Officers and Directors.

Grand Master—M. V. P., W. L. Houston, 1134 V street northwest, Washington, D. C.

Deputy Grand Master—M. V. P., L. N. Porter, 1201 Pulaski street, Little Rock, Ark.

Grand Secretary—M. V. P., James F. Needham, 602 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Grand Treasurer—M. V. P., R. J. Davis, 26 1-2 Pryor street, Atlanta, Ga.

Directors.

M. V. P., A. T. Shirley, Box 75, Herndon, Va.

M. V. P., W. W. Lawrence, 81 George street, New Bern, N. C.

M. V. P., T. P. Woodland, 2908 Fourth street, New Orleans, La.

M. V. P., Julius C. Johnson, 1234 Etting street, Baltimore, Md.

M. V. P., George Mays, 13 East Union street, Jacksonville, Fla.

JOHN W. McGAW.

The citizens of this city are very anxious to see such a man a member of the Excise Board as Mr. John W. McGaw, one of the most thorough business men in this city.

Mr. McGaw is a man who as a level head as well as a judicial mind. His appointment as a member of the Excise



MR. JOHN E. McGAW.

Board would meet the approval of the people. What the people are mostly in need of in the Excise Board is a man who is in sympathy with them and the property of all the people. His knowledge of real estate and whiskey licenses should be granted, and where and what the property interest in this city, is in need of, at this time, should be given to a man who is qualified for the place, and no better man can be found than Mr. McGaw. When the next vacancy occurs, it is hoped that the Commissioners will consider the name of this well-known citizen.

What I Saw And Heard PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

There will be a few investigations of certain supervising principals. It is so strange after you have reformed some people how immaculate they become, especially when they want to care for relatives. I am free to admit that there are some people imposed upon. If you permit them a little privilege they will soon depose you and endeavor to run things the way they desire.

Prof. R. T. Greener has decided to remain quiet for a while. He is thoroughly convinced that the administration will see its error in its recall.

Funny things happen sometimes. The League of Republican Clubs gave an outing last week. Republicans are as bad as some Democrats. The one is outspoken while the other will hide its villainy under a peck measure.

The discrimination against prisoners in the cells of the police court is as bad as that at the workhouse. I see the two wagon loads of colored convicts each day going from and to the workhouse.

An interesting postal card received by the editor of the New York Clipper from friends in London was published in the Clipper last week. The editor's friends, according to the card, are LE-GIONS.

The Clipper states that a Greenstone casket was presented to Mr. Andrew Mack by the Irish citizens of Auckland, California.

Dr. James T. Walker, of this city, will preside over the coming St. Luke's Convention, August 20, at Richmond, Virginia.

The school conducted by Rev. E. W. Williams and wife, of Abbeville, S. C., is an industrial one, says the New York Age.

Mr. Daniel Jordan, for the past twenty years janitor of Gunton Building, died in his apartments in the building last Tuesday afternoon. He was a native



JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD, OF NORTH CAROLINA.

There is not a white man to be seen except there may be a white officer to accompany them. If you want to see the discrimination you should go to the workhouse, and then you will see all you desire.

The school agitators have come to realize the fact that the day is fast approaching when there will be white teachers in the colored schools but no colored teachers in the white schools.

I congratulate the principal or teacher in a school room that doesn't tattle. Such a teacher has the confidence and respect of a sensible supervisor. A tattler is a dangerous being in any community. A teacher that does his duty is entitled to respect and encouragement. Of course there are some people who love a tattler or informer. Both the tattler or informer and the person who listens are dangerous alike.

The president of Howard University will not give audience to a tattler. The accused and the accuser must confront each other. Thus you see that tattling is broken up at this great institution.

I would like to know who is the Recorder of Deeds, J. C. Dancy or Dutton. It seems to me that all reports emanating from the recorder's office should travel under the name of the Recorder of Deeds and not his deputy. Mr. Dancy should see that such discontinuities. Suppose the secretary to the District Commissioners publishes something, appearing that he authorized it instead of the Commissioners, how long would he hold his job?

Fairplay.

EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

At a meeting of the Equal Rights League held last week Rev. J. Anderson Taylor was elected president. Full particulars as to the objects and aims of the League will appear next week.

Rev. W. Bishop Johnson has been appointed a special agent in the Census Office to gather Baptist statistics.

Frank Bailey, colored, of Osage, Oklahoma, was lynched by a mob of 150 for shooting Frank Kelley, white, who had ejected Bailey from a train.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO EXCURSION.

Sunday, July 28, \$1.00 to Frederick, Keedysville and Hagerstown and return. Train leaves Washington at 8.30 A. M.

of Virginia and a member of the Odd Fellows, St. Luke, and True Reformers organizations. Interment will be in Harmony Cemetery.

Mrs. M. E. Bias, of this city, is the assistant district superintendent in the needle work department of the Baptist Missionary.

Mr. R. C. Houston, an undertaker of Fort Worth, Texas, is to be the president of a new bank chartered under the laws of Texas, as the Provident Bank and Trust Company, with \$50,000 capital.

Richard Jones, who was shot last week in Norfolk, Va., is said to be the divorced husband of "Black Patti," nee Sisseretta Jones.

Abraham Levy, a Jewish merchant, was not allowed to register as a voter in Petersburg, Va., because he could not make the application in English in his own handwriting.

The front pew in any church is more desirable than the back.

Owing to the eight months' drouth in Jamaica, many persons are dying and are dead from the famine.

Henry Cohen, who was said to have smoked from 200 to 300 cigarettes daily, dropped dead last week at Omaha, Neb.

More than three thousand teachers failed to pass the examination held in Iowa. It is thought that many of the county schools will remain closed.

Pond lilies are thought to help spread typhoid fever in the State Hospital for the Insane at Trenton, N. J.

An effort is being made by Mr. B. H. Warner and others to have the hours of the band concerts in the parks of the city and at the Capitol changed until an hour or two later.

Rev. Nelson Wiggins, who was the oldest minister in the Union African Methodist Episcopal Church in the country, died last week in Wilmington, Del., at the Old Folks' Home.

Prof. James Germany, a member of the faculty of the Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga., is attending the vacation school at Columbia University.

The report that Madame Anna Gould was engaged and would soon marry again is said to be untrue.

Financial men in Concord, N. H., estimate the wealth of Mrs. Eddy to be \$500,000, and an annual income of \$100,000.

Several persons were drowned in the river at Lorain, Ohio, last Monday morning by the collapsing of a bridge.

Public Printer Charles A. Stillings is criticized by the Typographical Union. He is declared to be acting contrary to the laws of the United States.

Nine women and eleven men were caught working in a clothing factory at Baltimore, Md., by policemen last Sunday.

The oldest house in the United States is at St. Augustine, Florida, being built by the Spanish about 1564.

Dr. William Tindall, secretary of the Board of Commissioners, had a narrow escape from death while traveling through the Grand Canyon of the Colorado on last July 4.

An order has been issued that letter carriers will not be permitted to ride free on the local street car lines except when on official business.

The True Reformer, of Littleton, N. C., states that Hon. and Mrs. H. P. Cheatham have as their guests their daughter, Mrs. Wormley, and her little son.

The interment of Miss Florence, the daughter of Rev. M. W. Gilbert, of New York city, took place on the 16th instant at Jacksonville, Florida. Miss Florence was between fifteen and sixteen years of age at the time of her death, July 11. Dr. Gilbert has our sympathy.

If the cooks in Nashville, Tenn., can form a laborers' union, our cooks here ought to do as much. Consult the Deputy Organizer, No. 373, Mrs. Arabella V. Chase, 1212 Florida avenue northwest.

The time for the annual session of the St. Luke Organization, which meets in Richmond, Va., is drawing near.

Clarence Bailey, formerly of St. Michael's county, Maryland, was drowned a few days ago at Chester, Pa., in the Delaware River, while bathing.

Messrs. J. W. Wills & Sons rank among the leading funeral directors of Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Journal presented a page of half-tone photos of Mr. Wills' establishment. Mesdames Anna S. Hern and Mary L. Moss are attendants and Mrs. Lucy James visiting nurse.

Mr. W. L. Houston, Grand Master, Odd Fellows, is booked to lecture at Bethel Church, Vicksburg, August 6, at 8 p.m.

It is said that Miss Cecilia Johnson, a student at the University of Chicago, and a social leader among the students, is a descendant of the African race.

A number of excursionists who went down the river last Sunday did not get back to Washington until early Monday morning.

The Machinists' Union of the Northwest, consolidated district, about thirty thousand men, are making a movement to establish a nine-hour work-day.

The choir of Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church is taking its annual vacation.

Karl Hau, a former instructor in the George Washington University, convicted of killing his mother-in-law in Germany, has been sentenced to death by decapitation by the court of Karlsruhe, Germany.

AUDITOR TYLER.

The democratic ways of Ralph W. Tyler, the new auditor for the Navy Department, were demonstrated on last Thursday, when in the heat of the day he, unaccompanied and without show, quietly went out to the Colored Social Settlement, in the extreme southwestern portion of the city, and called on Mrs. Fernandez, who is in charge of the work, and, introducing himself, stated he was interested in such work, and desired to become associated in the work. Mrs. Fernandez was somewhat surprised that a man holding the high position Mr. Tyler does should condescend to visit such a lowly neighborhood, but the surprise was most agreeable and encouraging.

He asked many questions about the work, and stated that the raising of the lowly of our race up to a higher plane was a work that called for willing workers, and that he was glad to lend his mite. Mrs. Fernandez feels and believes that if others will but follow the action of Mr. Tyler a great work can be done in reclaiming the wayward and ameliorating the condition of hundreds of the poor and unfortunate young of our race. The social settlement work can be, and ought to be, made a great means to a beneficial end. The work calls for volunteers, calls for men and women who are interested in the uplifting of the whole race.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO EXCURSIONS.

Sunday, July 28, \$1.00 to Harper's Ferry, Charlestown and Winchester and return. Train leaves Washington at 9.05 A. M.

Judge Pritchard Is Firm

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Asheville, N. C., July 22.—The penalty clause of the new State Rate Bill was declared unconstitutional and void by United States Judge Pritchard today. James H. Wood, district passenger agent of the Southern, and C. Wilson, ticket agent of the same road, who were recently sentenced to thirty days on the chain gang for violation of the law, were discharged on habeas corpus proceedings.

In his decision Judge Pritchard said that the penalties inflicted by the statute would close the doors to a judicial hearing, and would amount to two and a half million dollars a day if the penalty was enforced on the sale of each ticket, which is eight times more than the amount involved in the original suit. Also that it would do violence to the comity which exists between the State and Federal courts. While not imputing any improper motives to officials or State courts, Judge Pritchard remarked that if such a course of conduct was permitted to be pursued it would have the effect of defeating the jurisdiction of the United States courts.

THE IMPOSSIBLE.

If we could gather all the tears that fall
From women's eyes;
If we could dispell the clouds that pall
Their summer skies,
What an ocean space those tears would fill,
Ceasing never,
What a hope-kissed light from skies
would thrill
Their hearts forever.

—Ralf W. Tyler.

DR. W. S. RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT OF THE WHOLESALE DRUG EXCHANGE.

Dr. W. S. Richardson, who was elected president of the Wholesale Drug Exchange at its last meeting in this city, a few weeks ago, is one of the best-known druggists in the country. He conducts one of the best and largest stores at 310 4 1-2 street, southwest, in this city and does a flourishing business. Indeed his store reminds one of an up-to-date wholesale house, with the number of clerks he employs.

If there is any drug or medicine that is not found in this store, then it can not be gotten in Washington. His remedies for colds, rheumatism and aggravating coughs are of his own preparation; and they are found in nearly every drug store in this country. The doctor is a great friend to the masses, and hundreds of prescriptions during the year are filled free for those who are too poor to pay. This and many other kind acts of his have won for him the friendship of thousands of the best citizens of both races.

Dr. W. S. Richardson was born in Vermont, and was educated there in the public schools. After graduating from which he entered college, where he graduated in pharmacy. He then came to Washington and engaged in the drug business, where he has made great success for twenty-two years, and now carries on one of the largest businesses of its kind in the city. He was one of the



DR. W. S. RICHARDSON.

candidates for delegates to the National Republican Convention, but was unsuccessful.

His friends are now suggesting him as a member of the Republican National Committee for the District, and it is very likely that he will be named for the place in such event. It is probable that his friends will again insist on sending him to the National Convention. He is a Republican and is not afraid to pull off his coat and work for his friends.

He would make an ideal National Committeeman.

Keep your eye on the Southern star.